

the mothers of to-day for really mothering their children.¹

The People's Kitchen and Restaurant. A common cooking centre on the lines of the National Kitchen will need careful thought. Far-seeing management should make it an important factor in social and industrial life, economising time, food and fuel, and above all human energy. It would, of course, provide restaurant meals; but should also, combining the experience of various institutions, send out meals complete with table equipment and every part of the repast required, or cooked dishes only, bread, butter, condiments and other additions being supplied in the home or the local dining-room. Shifts of workers and attendants with comparatively short hours would be required, for daily service would be necessary throughout the year. Not only kitchen but even scullery and larder might with the aid of a well-managed centre of this sort be eliminated from the dwelling-house. The capital cost of housing and upkeep would thus be greatly reduced; and there would be further economy. For household stores of table linen, plate, china, etc., might be reduced to a minimum if the People's Kitchen held a common store of these for occasional use as required; while the total stock of pots and pans and various kitchen utensils might be small.

Household Auxiliaries. The Household Auxiliary Corps will be experts in household arts, the majority being all-round people, others being specialists as cleaners or needlewomen, cooks or waitresses.²

¹ To confinement benefits under the National Health Insurance Act will probably be added in the near future maternity benefits. These should cover from six to eighteen months of absence from work and be proportional to the mother's usual earnings. And we must look forward to infancy and childhood pensions, which would enable the mother, if suitable for training young children and desirous of doing so, to adopt this as her profession for some years of married life, tending perhaps a few other children along with her own.

² Perhaps certificates of the kind won by scouts, permitting the wearing of distinctive badges or kind of uniform, would be useful.